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April 9, 2013

To:

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From:

William T Fujioka

Chief Executive Officer

DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES' REQUEST TO EXTEND THE APPOINTMENT OF MR. BRANDON NICHOLS TO THE POSITION OF SENIOR DEPUTY DIRECTOR, CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES (UNCLASSIFIED)

Consistent with Board-approved Policy on management appointments, the Department of Children and Family Services, with the support of the Chief Executive Office, requests an extension of Mr. Brandon Nichols' temporary appointment to the position of Senior Deputy Director, Children and Family Services (UC), at an annual base salary of \$201,000.00. Your Board previously approved Mr. Nichols' temporary appointment for the period commencing April 19, 2012 and ending April 19, 2013. The Department requests that the current appointment be extended for a period of up to one year. Upon completion of this special assignment, Mr. Nichols will return to the County Counsel's Office and be placed on his prior payroll title and salary.

As Senior Deputy Director, Children and Family Services, Mr. Nichols will continue to report to the Director and serve as a key member of the Department's Executive Team. He will continue to act as a liaison to the Office of the County Counsel, CEO-Risk Management, the Children's Special Investigation Unit (CSIU), and to your Board on issues of sensitive cases, critical incidents and child fatalities. Mr. Nichols' direct management and supervision of the Risk Management and Litigation Management Divisions of the Department, in addition to, Department-wide responsibilities for ad-hoc controversial issues requiring highly skilled/specialized treatment, will remain.

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In accordance with policy on managerial appointments, unless otherwise instructed by your Board by April 18, 2013, the Chief Executive Office will advise the Department of Children and Family Services that authorization has been granted to extend Mr. Nichols' appointment to Senior Deputy Director, Children and Family Services (UC), at an annual base salary of \$201,000.00, effective no sooner than April 19, 2013.

If you have any questions, please contact me, or your staff may contact Steve Masterson, Manager, CEO at (213) 974-8481.

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c: Department of Children and Family Services Executive Office, Board of Supervisors County Counsel